

Messiah Lutheran Church

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While the office is closed, it is staffed Wednesday – Friday; 9am – 4pm
If you have an immediate need, call Cheryl at 306.961.2967

Pastor Fran will be on vacation until July 29. During that time, please call the office (Wednesday – Friday) or phone / email Cheryl at 306.961.2967; cbauerhyde@gmail.com if you require immediate assistance.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2020

Online Worship Service starting at 10:30 am, available on the Messiah Facebook page, and YouTube channel. For those without internet access, a telephone conference call is provided beginning at 10:15 am each Sunday. Call the office for the phone access information. All are welcome!

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns: We pray for comfort and healing for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their time of need.

Messiah Ministry: Online worship services will continue until the end of August, including virtual Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays of August. In-person services are suspended, and the office will remain closed except for essential services (finance, maintenance, etc.).

You are encouraged to reach out to others if you are able; contact information is in the Messiah directory. Share news, say hello, provided updates for any special events by phoning or emailing the office to be included in the weekly news / worship bulletin.

Other Council news: Council meets on July 28. A working group will prepare for in-person services starting later in August and, if possible, fellowship gatherings. A camera system will be purchased to continue filming the worship services and providing online access even when in-person services continue. The foam (flat) sections of the roof require replacement at a significant cost at approximately \$30,000, so a special roof appeal will be shared with the congregation in the fall.

In addition to Messiah's Online Worship Services, our faith can be supported and strengthened through:

- ❖ Wednesday coffee chat at 10am through the internet and telephone conference call or to request a weekly printed or emailed news/worship bulletin, ELW (red book) hymnal for home use, Eternity for Today daily devotion booklet, please contact the church office.

- ❖ The Community Service & Caring Ministry Team: if you would like a call or have a need of spiritual support, please contact the church office.
 - ❖ Online Worship and other resources such as Vacation Bible School and Bible Studies:
 - Listing provided on ELCIC national website, with a link on the SK Synod website - <https://elcic.ca/publichealth/livestreaming.cfm>
 - Lutheran, Moose Jaw, radio worship service (CHAB 800 AM) each Sunday morning at 7:45am.
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For all the ways you continue to support Messiah, even as we are not meeting in-person – your prayers and concerns for our Messiah family are greatly appreciated. Financial donations can be made through pre-authorized payments, e-transfer, Canada Helps, mail, drop off at the office mailbox, or pick up from your home – call the office for details.



Camp Kinasao News

One Day camps: July 20-23 (ages 5-13); July 27-30 (ages 5-10); August 3-6 (Ages 5-13)

QuaranTEEN Camp: July 26; August 9 (ages 14-16)

Register at <http://www.kinasao.ca/camp-kinasao/2020-summer-programs>.

Sunday Worship services will begin July 19, at 11 am. Due to the limited capacity to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, they ask that attendees register in advance. Please visit the Kinasao website to register, see the schedule of pastors leading the services, and to learn more about the guidelines that will be in place.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #715 – "Christ, Be Our Light"

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray for gifts that have been given to continue the ministry of the church.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem so small an offering in thanksgiving for all you have done. Make an abundance of all that is given, so that those who are in need or want in any way may have the physical, emotional and spiritual support that is needed. Bless these gifts and those who give them, that we may be a blessing to the world in this time of uncertainty. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need, praying Lord in your mercy, and responding **hear our prayer.**

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In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
(Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW #622 - "Neither Death nor Life" (vs. 1, 3, 5)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.